

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
July 15, 2003
Austin, Texas

The Public Safety Commission met in Austin, Texas on July 15, 2003. Attending the meeting were Chairman Colleen McHugh and Commissioners Robert Holt and James B. Francis, Jr.

DPS Staff members present:

Tommy Davis, Director
David McEathron, Assistant Director
Tom Haas, Accounting & Budget Control
Randy Elliston, Lamar Beckworth, Bob Burroughs, Coy Clanton & David Baker, Traffic Law Enforcement
C. J. Havrda & Earl Pearson, Rangers
Marshall Caskey & Gary Stone, Criminal Law Enforcement
Burton Christian, Administration
Greg Gloria & Frank Elder, Driver License
Farrell Walker & Jude Schnexyder, Audit & Inspection
Duncan Fox, Office of General Counsel
Mary Lauderdale & Ed Kelly, Information Management Service
Tela Mange, Public Information
David Outon, Internal Affairs
Andy Mokry & Tavia Wendlandt, Building Program
Jane Smith, Office of Legislative Liaison
Dorothy Wright, Secretary

Guests present:

Alfonso Royal & Valerie Onyett, LBB

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McHugh. Proper notice had been posted.

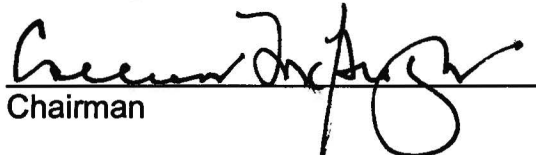
- I. **Minutes.** Upon motion by Commissioner Francis and seconded by Commissioner Holt, the minutes of the June 24, 2003 meeting were approved.
- II. **Public comment.** There was no public comment.
- III. **Hurricane Claudette update.** Jack Colley briefed the Commission on Hurricane Claudette.
- IV. **Budget matters.** Tom Haas updated the Commission on budget matters. There was some discussion on the DL reengineering legislation.
- V. **Audit & Inspection Report.** Farrell Walker gave the Audit & Inspection report.

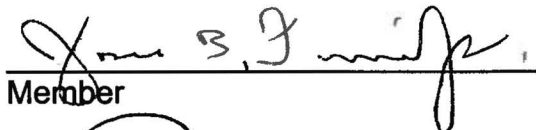
VI. Division reports. Burt Christian gave the Administration Division report. There was some discussion on the CHL backlog, recruit schools and recruiting efforts, possible retirements due to the retirement incentive and corresponding monetary and FTE effects, possible law enforcement exemption for the required retirement incentive reduction, and the building program. Randy Elliston gave the Traffic Law Enforcement Division report. There was some discussion on the bus inspection program, commercial vehicle operating authority inspections, DWI and seatbelt enforcement and TLE criminal/drug interdictions. The Driver License Division report was given by Greg Gloria. There was some discussion on reduced wait times in Driver License offices, customer service survey results and the ATLAS system grant. Marshall Caskey gave the Criminal Law Enforcement Division report. There was some discussion on heavy equipment recovery, ATPA grant funding, anti-terrorism efforts and the CODIS/DNA backlog. The Ranger report was given by C. J. Havrda. Mary Lauderdale gave the Information Management Service report. Bob Burroughs gave an update on joint efforts between DPS and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for implementation of the State's vehicle emissions inspection/maintenance program. Coy Clanton updated the Commission on the border safety inspection stations.

VII. Personnel matters; pending and contemplated litigation; ongoing criminal investigations; status of purchase of real property. The Commission went into Executive Session pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code Secs. 551.071, 551.074, 551.072 & 411.0041 to discuss personnel matters including Special Ranger and Special Texas Ranger commissions, pending and contemplated litigation, status of purchase of real property, and ongoing criminal investigations. Upon reconvening Regular Session, Commissioner McHugh announced that the Commission had discussed only personnel matters, pending and contemplated litigation and ongoing criminal investigations. The Commission had considered a Special Ranger commission for DPS retiree Randolph V. Mills. Upon motion by Commissioner Francis and seconded by Commissioner Holt, a Special Ranger commission was approved for Randolph V. Mills.

A motion was made by Commissioner Francis and seconded by Commissioner Holt adjourning the meeting.

Read and approved this 25 day of August, 2003.


Chairman


Member


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